A. AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for processing network device status data, the apparatus comprising:

a storage device comprising configuration data stored thereon, wherein the configuration data indicates both:

a data format supported by each of a plurality of recipient devices, wherein the data format supported by each of the plurality of recipient devices is different than the data formats supported by the other recipient devices from the plurality of recipient devices, and

how to convert network device status data that conforms to a first data format into each of the data formats supported by the plurality of recipient devices;

a conversion mechanism configured to

process the network device status data that conforms to the first data format, and

generate, based upon the configuration data and the network device status data, report data that conforms to the data format supported by each of the plurality of recipient devices, wherein the report data includes identification data that uniquely identifies an intended recipient device so that the report data may be routed to each recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices.

2. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is received by the apparatus directly from a plurality of multi-function peripherals that each perform one or more of printing, copying, faxing and scanning.

3. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 2, wherein the network device status data specifies one or more of consumable levels, a meter reading or need for a service call.

4. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is received by the apparatus from a status data server that collects network device status data from a plurality of network devices.

5. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data received by the apparatus is encrypted and the apparatus is configured to decrypt the network device status data.

6. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the conversion mechanism is configured to generate the report data in either XML or CSV format.

7. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the network device status data is XML data that conforms to a first XML schema and the report data is XML data that conforms to a second XML schema.

8. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to generate both first report data conforms to a first data format supported by a first recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices and second report data conforms to a second data format supported by a second recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices, and

provide the first report data to the first recipient device and the second report data to the second recipient device.

9. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the report data to the plurality of recipient devices using one or more Internet protocols including SMTP, HTTP, HTTPS and FTP.

10. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the report data to the plurality of recipient devices based upon a schedule.

11. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide the report data at a first time to a first recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices and to provide the report data at a second time to a second recipient

device from the plurality of recipient devices, wherein the first and second times are different.

12. (CANCELED)

13. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the apparatus is configured to provide a notification if a receipt confirmation indicating receipt of the report data is not received from a particular recipient device from the plurality of recipient devices.

14. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, further comprising a storage device for storing the recipient device status data.